GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3955
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DEFECTIVE AMMUNITIONS PROCURED FROM RUSSIA
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 130 m.m. ammunition purchased from Russia during the Kargil War were not found up to the mark;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Six contracts valued at over Rs. 600 crores were signed with Russian firms for procurement of ammunition and armaments for the Army in the context of Kargil operations out of which 130 m m ammunition was purchased for about Rs. 40 crores. A consignment of 930 rounds of 130 mm ammunition and 15000 fuzes supplied were not found acceptable during inspection for which necessary claim has been raised. The estimated value of the unserviceable ammunition is Rs. 0.85 crores.